

NEMSAC Member Biographies

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Anne Montera, BSN – Public Health – Eagle, CO

Anne Montera received a BSN from Bethel College in Newton, KS. She has 18 years of nursing experience in Public Health, Labor and Delivery, Patient Safety/Quality Improvement, and EMS coordination in urban and rural hospitals and community settings. In Ms. Montera's current role as a Public Health Nurse Consultant, she works in grant coordination and implementation for various projects across the nation, assisting with program development and statewide stakeholder engagement. She is also the Executive Director for the Central Mountains RETAC. She is the Co-Creator and Public Health Partner for the first National Community Paramedic Pilot Program in rural Eagle, CO. She received the Colorado Nightingale Luminary Award for Innovation work on the Colorado community paramedic program in 2011.

Brett Garrett – EMS Practitioners – Mc Calla, AL

Brett Garrett is a firefighter/paramedic at Tuscaloosa Fire and Chief with Green Pond Volunteer Fire Department and West Alabama Emergency Services in Alabama. His career started in 1992 as volunteer firefighter and first responder and has evolved with multifaceted experiences including being assigned to a rescue truck in rural and urban settings and on ALS pumpers. Brett instructs EMT, ACLS, BLS, car seat inspections and other classes outside of the fire service. He has also been appointed to several advisory committees for fire, EMS and educational organizations. Most recently, Brett is the coordinator for the EMS prevention program for the City of Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue. The program identifies chronic users of 911 and addresses their medical and social needs.

Carol Cunningham, MD, FAAEM, FACEP – EMS Medical Directors - Kirtland, OH

Dr. Carol Cunningham is the State Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Northeast Ohio Medical University, and a board-certified emergency physician at Akron General Medical Center. She is a member of the American Board of Emergency Medicine EMS Examination Committee, served on the Institute of Medicine's committee that produced the Crisis of Standards of Care toolkit document, and is the co-principal investigator for the National Association of State EMS Officials National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines.

Chad E. McIntyre – Air Medical – Jacksonville, FL

Chad McIntyre has worked in EMS for over 20 years in urban and rural EMS, EMS education, and air medical services. He is the manager of TraumaOne Flight Services, injury prevention, and outreach education for the University of Florida Health System in Jacksonville. He has served as a contributor to the 7th Ed PHTLS Student Manual, an author on pediatric trauma and children with special health care needs for NAEMT's Emergency Pediatric Care, and has lectured domestically and internationally on the care of trauma victims and helicopter EMS. Chad sits on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, International Association of Critical Care & Flight Paramedics, and as Chairman of Committee on Emergency Pediatric Care.

David Lucas – Dispatcher/911 – Lexington, KY

David Lucas, a public safety consultant, is the former Director of Enhanced 911 for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government in Kentucky. He implemented Lexington's E911 system in 1996, drafted Kentucky's original wireless 911 legislation in 1998 and developed a regional 911 network to assist many PSAPs with their migration to NG911. He serves on several national committees with

the National Emergency Number Association and chaired the Kentucky Commercial Mobile Radio Emergency Services Board on several occasions during his 11-year tenure on the State Board.

Douglass Hooten, MBA – Local EMS Service Administrators – Fort Worth, TX

Douglas Hooten is the Executive Director of MedStar Mobile Healthcare in Fort Worth, TX. He has over 33 years of experience in EMS, having served as senior vice president of operations and regional director for American Medical Response, CEO of the Metropolitan Ambulance Service Trust (MAST) in Kansas City and in leadership roles with Rural/Metro Ambulance Inc. He began his career as a paramedic in Conroe, Texas. He currently serves as the president of the Academy of International Mobile Healthcare Integration (AIMHI), the past president of the Texas EMS Alliance and a board member of the American Ambulance Association.

Eric Emery, BA – Tribal EMS – Rosebud, SD

Eric Emery is the Program Director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Ambulance Service in Rosebud, SD. He is a strong advocate for advanced life support and Native American involvement in EMS. He dedicates much of his time to the progression of native health issues related to emergency care. In addition, he serves as director for the Native American EMS Association. He has worked for Rosebud Sioux Tribal Ambulance for ten years, and has also worked for the Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe, Sanford USD Medical Center as a Flight Paramedic, and currently works part-time for the Medical Air Rescue Company based in Valentine, NE as a Flight Paramedic.

Freddie Rodriguez – State/Local Legislative Bodies – Pomona, CA

Freddie Rodriguez is a member of the California State Assembly, a former Pomona City Councilmember, and has served as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in the San Gabriel Valley for over 29 years. He was awarded the California Star of Life Award for his outstanding community volunteer contributions and lifesaving rescues. In 2005, Freddie deployed to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas to help Hurricanes Katrina and Rita victims rebuild their neighborhoods.

John LeBlanc – State Highway Safety Directors – Baton Rouge, LA

Lt. Colonel John LeBlanc is the Governor's Highway Safety Representative and Executive Director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. Lt. Colonel LeBlanc previously served as the deputy superintendent of patrol at the Louisiana State Police where he directed nine state police troops, comprised of nearly 600 uniformed officers and more than 100 non-commissioned personnel. He has over 30 years of law enforcement experience, including more than 26 years with the Louisiana State Police.

John Sinclair – Fire-based EMS

John Sinclair is the Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for the Kittitas Valley Fire Rescue Department in Ellensburg, Washington. The 130-member department utilizes career and volunteer personnel to provide fire and EMS coverage. He is active in the International Association of Fire Chiefs and serves on their Board of Directors.

Katrina Altenhofen, MPH, Paramedic – Volunteer EMS

Katrina Altenhofen is a founding member of the West Chester First Responders in Washington, Iowa and has been a volunteer paramedic since 1989. She is the State Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Director and has worked with the Iowa Bureau of EMS since 1995. Ms. Altenhofen has also initiated several statewide occupant protection and bicycle safety programs.

Keith Monosky, PhD, MPM, Paramedic - EMS Educators - Ellensburg, WA

Keith Monosky is the program director for the EMS Paramedicine program and a tenured professor in the department of nutrition, exercise, and health sciences at Central Washington University. Dr. Monosky has directed similar graduate and undergraduate degree programs at George Washington University. He is a textbook author and an Educator-at-Large for the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs. Dr. Monosky began his career in EMS in 1971.

Lynn White, MS - EMS Researchers - Copley, OH

Lynn White is the National Director of Resuscitation and Accountable Care for American Medical Response, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University School of Medicine where she was the Clinical Research Manager in the Department of Emergency Medicine prior to joining the AMR clinical team. During her career she has worked in Pediatrics, Neonatology, High Risk Obstetrics, Critical Care, Trauma, Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Transport. She is a member of advisory councils for both the National EMS Information Systems (NEMSIS) and the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES). She is currently completing a second term on the board of directors for the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). Lynn has served on the editorial board for Prehospital Emergency Care since 2002. She is a co-author of the National EMS Research Agenda for the Future, and is the Program Director for the AMR HeartRescue Program.

Manish Shah, MD – Pediatric Emergency Physicians – Houston, TX

Dr. Manish I. Shah is an Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Research Education for the Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Section of Emergency Medicine. He has directed the Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership in Texas since 2009 and is a recipient of two EMS for Children grants to develop, implement, and measure outcomes after implementation of evidence-based, standardized pediatric prehospital protocols in Texas and New England. Dr. Shah is the past chair of the EMS subcommittee for the American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Emergency Medicine, and he has worked with several national organizations to create a strategy for the use of prehospital evidence-based guidelines. Dr. Shah has developed an online EMS curriculum for pediatric physicians, co-created the Pediatric Simulation Training of Emergency Prehospital Providers (PediSTEPPs) program at Texas Children's Hospital and is an exam item writer for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Mary Fallat, MD – Trauma Surgeons – Louisville, KY

Mary E. Fallat, MD is the Hirikati S. Nagaraj Professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville, Division Director of Pediatric Surgery, and Surgeon-in-Chief at Kosair Children's Hospital. Dr. Fallat has been actively involved in the care of the trauma patient for 27 years, with particular interests in pediatrics and pre-hospital care. As a member of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, she became convinced that Kentucky needed a coordinated trauma system and led the initiative that culminated in Trauma System legislation in 2008. She has been continuously funded by HRSA as principal or co-investigator for projects and programs related to Emergency Medical Services for Children in Kentucky since 1996. She has current HRSA funding

to develop a systems approach to out-of-hospital pediatric death that equips EMS providers with knowledge, tools, and skill set needed to manage emotional and psychological repercussions for grieving families and for themselves.

Michael A. Hastings, MS, RN, CEN – Emergency Nurses – Austin, TX

Michael Hastings is the Clinical Supervisor for Swedish Redmond Emergency Department. He formerly worked as the Trauma Program Manager at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, Texas, and as the Research Quality Outcomes Coordinator at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Hastings began his career as an EMT and 911 dispatcher and served as the Emergency Nurses Association's (ENA) representative on the CDC Field Trauma Triage Guidelines project. He has also served on multiple committees at the national level with ENA and has served on the state boards of ENA in Kansas and Texas. He was recently elected to the national board of ENA to serve as a director on the board.

Nanfi Lubogo – Consumers – Cromwell, CT

Nanfi Lubogo is the Co-Executive Director of PATH Parent to Parent/Family Voices of CT (PATH/FVCT), a network of families providing information and emotional support to others who have children/youth with developmental or special health care needs. PATH/FVCT also serves as CT's federally funded Family to Family Health Information Center. She has a daughter with multiple special health care needs. Ms. Lubogo is a MCH Public Health Leadership Fellow and has served on several EMSC state and national councils including EMSC stakeholder groups, Family Advisory Network (FAN) and most recently on a pre-hospital pediatric evidence-based guidelines committee.

Sabina Braithwaite, MD, MPH – Emergency Physicians – Wichita, KS

Dr. Sabina Braithwaite is the Associate Medical Director for the Medical Control Board, EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa and Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Preventive Medicine & Public Health at the University of Kansas. She is past Chair of the American College of Emergency Physicians EMS Committee and of the International Trauma Life Support Board of Directors, and current Chair of the National Association of EMS Physicians Quality Improvement Committee. She is Board certified in Emergency Medicine as well as Emergency Medical Services by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. She has been active in a number of national EMS initiatives, most recently including the NHTSA EMS Culture of Safety project.

Sean Kaye, BA – EMS Data Managers – Chapel Hill, NC

Sean Kaye is a specialist with the EMS Performance Improvement Center at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Mr. Kaye started his career at an EMT with the South Carolina National Guard. He has worked as an EMT/Paramedic and firefighter in North Carolina and South Carolina. He received his Bachelor's degree in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Mr. Kaye works with EMS agencies and other stakeholders to utilize data to improve system performance and patient care at the EMS Performance Improvement Center.

Shawn Baird, MA, Paramedic – Private EMS – Portland, OR

Shawn Baird is the co-owner of Woodburn Ambulance Service, which provides primary 911 response to 75,000 people in an area of 450 square miles in Oregon. He has been an Oregon licensed paramedic since 1990 working in rural and suburban settings. His service employs over 50 people and provides advanced life support to a once underserved area. His experience includes teaching EMS at Chemeketa Community College, serving as leadership on numerous boards including President of the Oregon Ambulance Association, Secretary of the American Ambulance Association, METCOM 911 PSAP Board, and Oregon Public Health Advisory Board.

Steven Diaz, MD, FACEP, FAAFP – Hospital Administration – Augusta, ME

Steve Diaz is the Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for MaineGeneral Health. Steve has worked as a regional Emergency Medical Services Medical Director in Maine and was the state EMS Medical Director from 2003 to 2010. He also continues to support services such as Delta Ambulance, Vassalboro First Responders, and Baxter State Park as their Medical Director. In 2010, Steve was awarded the Governor's Award in Maine for his contributions to Emergency Medical Services.

Steven Pawlak, MS, MICP – Emergency Management – Union, NJ

Steven Pawlak is the Manager of Emergency Readiness for the Port Authority of NY & NJ Office of Emergency Management and has been involved with Emergency Medical Services since 1986, working in both New Brunswick and Newark, New Jersey. During his career in EMS, he has held positions as an EMT, paramedic, rescue specialist and as an operations coordinator. He has been a uniformed officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation assigned to the New York Field Office where he served as a hazardous materials team operator, an independent duty paramedic and was a member of the Rapid Deployment Team. Steve served as the Central Region Planner for the State of New Jersey's EMS Task Force until 2013.

Terry Mullins, MBA – State EMS Directors – New River, AZ

Terry Mullins is the Chief for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the Arizona Department of Health Services. Mr. Mullins previously served as the Trauma-EMS Technical Assistance Center Manager at Children's National Medical Center and has assisted NHTSA with several State EMS System Assessments.

Val Gale, BA – At-large Member – Gilbert, AZ

Val Gale is the Battalion Chief of Health & Medical Services for the Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department where he oversees nearly 200 EMTs and paramedics. Chief Gale has served as a fire fighter, engineer, captain and chief. He is actively involved in State and regional EMS councils, including the Arizona NEMSIS Data Committee.

Vincent Robbins, MS, FACHE – Hospital-based EMS – Hamilton, Square, NJ

Since 1990, Vince Robbins has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of MONOC, New Jersey's largest EMS and mobile healthcare shared service hospital cooperative. While leading MONOC, the company has grown fifteen fold and now includes 15 member hospitals and employs over 750 staff. Mr. Robbins is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves as the President-Elect of the National EMS Management Association and as an Editorial Board member of EMS World magazine.